Defects in Cartridges

1879. SHRI BRAHMAKUMAR BHATT: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cartridges supplied by the Ordnance Factory, Khamaria during 1998-99 and 1999-2000;

(b) the details of defects, if any,

(c) the value of the defective cartridges;

(d) the improvement brought about in substitution of the sub' standard material; and

(e) the loss of revenue as compared to 1993?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) to (e) Ordnance Factory Khamaria makes 35 types of cartridges for supply to armed forces. The total number of cartridges supplied by Ordnance Factory Khamaria during 1998-99 and 1999-2000 is furnished below:—

Year of supply	Qty. in Nos.	Value in Rs. (crore)
1998-99	9.52,433	343.01
1999-2000	11,24,193	537.79

Details of cartridges declared unfit are furnished below:—

Year	Qty. In (Nos.)	Value (Rs. in crore)	Type of defect	Action Taken
1998-99	1500	3.15	Muzzle velocity and pressure were higher than specified.	The consignment was rectified by adjusting charge mass based on proof observation and reissued to Army
1999-2000	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

During 1998-99 the rejected consignment was rectified and reissued. As such there was no loss of revenue. During 1992-93 the cartridges were issued at a reduced price but not at a loss to Ordnance Factory.

Allocation of funds for Armed Forces

1880. SHRI KHAGEN DAS: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) what was the allocation of funds in the General Budget for various projects of all the three wings of the Indian Armed Forces during the years 1997-98 and 1999-2000;

(b) whether these allocations were actually spent during the above period; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES):(a) to (c) The total final allocations of funds for the three services (Army, Navy and Air Force) under Capital Heads